

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 12, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and please amend Claims 1-11, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method to facilitate [[the]] transfer of data from a client database to a host database, comprising ~~the steps of~~ :

identifying ~~at least one~~ a data field from [[said]] the client database desired for [[said]] the host database;

incorporating [[said]] the data field in a spreadsheet;

populating at least a portion of [[said]] the data field in [[said]] the spreadsheet with ~~assumed~~ test data values, wherein the test data values are formatted in accordance with format requirements of the data field;

developing an algorithm configured to reformat data associated with [[said]] the data field from [[said]] the client database and desired for [[said]] the host database;

receiving a test file from [[said]] the client database;

creating a reformatted test file ~~with said~~ from the test file using [[said]] the algorithm;

comparing [[said]] the reformatted test file to [[said]] the spreadsheet;

identifying ~~at least one~~ a change, wherein [[said]] the change would substantially conform [[said]] the reformatted test file to [[said]] the spreadsheet;

creating an updated algorithm from [[said]] the algorithm ~~which incorporates said~~ at least one , the updated algorithm incorporating the change;

receiving an input file from ~~[[said]]~~ the client database;
creating a reformatted input file by applying ~~[[said]]~~ the updated algorithm to
~~[[said]]~~ the input file; and~~[[,]]~~
uploading ~~[[said]]~~ the reformatted input file to ~~[[said]]~~ the host database.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the step of
identifying ~~a data fields from said client database desired for said host database further~~
~~comprises~~ field includes receiving and analyzing a client record layout to identify ~~[[said]]~~ a
data ~~[[fields]]~~ field desired by a host.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 2, wherein ~~said receiving a~~ the client
record layout ~~further comprises receiving said client record layout~~ is received from a
database clearinghouse.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 3, wherein ~~said receiving a client~~
~~record layout further comprises receiving said client record layout from a~~ the database
clearinghouse further comprises receiving said client record layout from at least is one of a
DST clearinghouse and a DAZL database clearinghouse.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said receiving a~~ the test
file ~~from said client database further comprises receiving~~ is a 529 plan test file ~~from said~~
~~client database.~~

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of incorporating ~~[[said]] the data fields in a spreadsheet further comprises~~ field includes at least one of:

a substep of determining an order to organize ~~[[said]] data fields into said~~ in the spreadsheet;

a substep of determining data field headers from ~~[[said]] the data fields and~~ populating at least a portion of ~~[[said]] the data field headers into said~~ in the spreadsheet in ~~[[said]] the~~ order; and

a substep of determining parameters for ~~[[said]] the data fields and formatting~~ ~~[[said]] the data fields using~~ ~~[[said]] the~~ parameters.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 6, wherein ~~[[said]] the substep of~~ determining parameters for ~~[[said]] the data fields and formatting~~ ~~[[said]] the data fields~~ using ~~[[said]] the parameters further comprises~~ includes formatting ~~[[said]] the data fields~~ to include at least one of: an alphabetical character, a numeric character, ~~[[or]] and~~ an alpha-numeric character.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of populating at least a portion of said data fields in said spreadsheet with assumed data values further comprises, includes:

generating ~~fictitious test~~ data in accordance with ~~[[said]] parameters of~~ ~~[[said]] the~~ data fields field, wherein the test data simulates data of the client database,

populating at least a portion of ~~said fictitious~~ the test data into ~~[[said]] the~~ spreadsheet, and

forwarding [[said]] the spreadsheet to [[said]] the client database for feedback regarding [[the]] accuracy and [[the]] organization of [[said]] the spreadsheet.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method [[in]] of claim 1, wherein [[said]] the step of comparing ~~said reformatted test file to said spreadsheet further comprises, includes~~ substeps of:

comparing data fields from [[said]] the reformatted test file to data fields from [[said]] the spreadsheet[[,]];

comparing parameters from [[said]] data fields from [[said]] the reformatted test file to parameters from [[said]] the data fields from [[said]] the spreadsheet[[,]];

comparing data values from [[said]] the data fields from [[said]] the reformatted test file to data values from [[said]] the data fields from [[said]] the spreadsheet[[,]]; and

identifying inconsistencies between [[said]] the data values from [[said]] the data fields from [[said]] the reformatted test file ~~to said~~ and the data values from [[said]] the data fields from [[said]] the spreadsheet.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 9, wherein [[said]] the substep of identifying inconsistencies ~~between said data values from said data fields from said reformatted test file to said data values from said data fields from said spreadsheet further comprises at least one of~~ includes:

identifying [[said]] the inconsistencies by a visual comparison[[,]]; and[[,]]

identifying [[said]] the inconsistencies by an automated comparison.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the step of receiving an input file ~~from said client database further comprises~~ includes copying at least a portion of ~~[[said]]~~ the input file to create at least a portion of a duplicate input file ~~to minimize the possibility of losing information from said input file.~~

Claim 12 (Canceled).